



Poynton Update and News, 13th January 2021

Civic Hall Covid-19 Vaccination Centre. A Message from the Middlewood Partnership

Thank you for your patience over the last few weeks regarding the COVID vaccination programme. We are delighted to confirm that we have received confirmation of our status as a COVID vaccination site and are now in a position to let you know how the national vaccination programme will be implemented for our registered patients at Middlewood.

How will the roll out work?

Based on national criteria we will **start** vaccinating:

- Care home residents and the staff from **Monday 18th January**
- Middlewood registered patients who are over 80 on **Friday 15th and Saturday 16th of January**

Where will I have to go to get my vaccination?

- At this time all vaccinations (except for care homes) will take place at Poynton Civic Hall. Directions can be found at <http://www.poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk/contact.htm>

How will I get my appointment?

- You will either receive a text message or a telephone call inviting you to attend the clinic. The text message will ask you to click on a link taking you directly to the booking system to book your appointment.
- If we do not have a mobile phone number registered on our system for you we will telephone you and book the appointment directly with you.
- You may be asked to attend clinics at very short notice. Please try to attend.
- There will be a telephone number for you to contact with queries relating to the vaccine. This will only be for vaccination questions and we will not be able to answer questions relating to anything else
- Please **DO NOT** contact our main receptions at any practice base about questions relating to COVID vaccination appointments. They will not have any information available about this.

For full details released by the Middlewood Partnership please click [here](#).

A Message from Poynton Town Mayor

I hope this message finds you and your loved ones well after what has been an extremely challenging year for everyone. I would like to pass on my thanks to the many keyworkers in Poynton who have supported the wider community during this time and to the Street Champions who helped their fellow residents during lockdown.

In a year dominated by coronavirus the role of Mayor has been significantly impacted, with many events and functions cancelled and groups that I would usually support not being able to meet. I have however been busy in the background and you can read what I have been up to here <https://www.poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk/poynton-town-mayor.htm>

Following the government announcement on new national restrictions further challenges lie ahead. I know that as a community, the people of Poynton will continue to look out for each other during this period knowing there is a light at the end of the tunnel with the rollout of the vaccination programme.

Finally I'd like to wish you and your loved ones a Happy New Year!

Cllr Lee Podmore (Mayor)



Businesses who can provide food to residents

An initial list of local businesses who are open, can provide a takeaway service or can deliver food/provisions to Poynton residents can be found on a PDF [here](#).

If your business can provide the above and would like to be added to the list please call the Civic Hall during office hours on **01625 872238**.

Brecon and Hockley play areas remain open

In light of the latest Government guidance on 4th January 2021, Poynton Town Council will be keeping the two play areas it maintains open. However, it is against the law to meet socially with family or friends unless they are part of your household or support bubble.

Please adhere to social distancing and sanitising guidelines and observe the maximum occupancy of the play areas, as displayed on the park gates.

Covid-19 scams

Action Fraud have received reports from members of the public who have been sent text messages claiming to be from the NHS, offering them the opportunity to sign up for coronavirus vaccinations. The texts ask the recipient to click on a link which takes them to an online form where they are prompted to input personal and financial details. In some cases the online form has looked very similar to the real NHS website.

How to protect yourself:

In the UK, coronavirus vaccinations will only be available via the National Health Services of England, Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland. You can be contacted by the NHS, your employer, a local GP surgery or pharmacy, to receive your vaccination. **Remember, the vaccinations are free of charge and you will not be asked for a payment.**

The NHS will never:

- ask for your bank account or card details
- ask for your PIN or banking passwords
- arrive unannounced at your home to administer the vaccine
- ask for documentation to prove your identity, such as a passport or utility bills

If you receive a call you believe to be fraudulent, hang up. If you are suspicious about an email you have received, forward it to report@phishing.gov.uk. Suspicious text messages should be forwarded to the number 7726, which is free of charge.

If you believe you are the victim of a fraud, please report this to Action Fraud as soon as possible by calling **0300 123 2040** or visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk

Cheshire East Council launches consultations on transport and parking

Cheshire East Council has launched public consultations on local transport and parking plans across the borough.

The consultations, which end on **31st January 2021**, may impact both parking and transport in Poynton. The Town Council would urge residents to respond to this very important consultation.

To find out more and take part in the consultations visit Cheshire East Council's web page at: www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/LocalTransportEngagement

Poynton Relief Road

Work has now commenced on the Poynton Relief Road. Information on the project can be found at: www.graham.co.uk/poynton-relief-road and you can also sign up for project updates.



Useful advice and support

Cheshire East – People Helping People

People Helping People aims to meet the needs of residents who find themselves isolated without family, friends or a support network. The service is delivered for the local community, by the local community, with options including:

- Telephone support, advice and reassurance
- Signposting to local and national services equipped to meet specific support needs
- Access to essential food and medical supplies
- Access to priority online shopping slots
- A regular friendly phone call

For more information see the link https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/council_information/coronavirus/cheshire-east-people-helping-people.aspx

Alternatively, you can ring People Helping People on **0300 123 5034**.

Cheshire East Council's Public Health Team have created a booklet with information and things for you to do or try at home. [Coronavirus advice booklet \(PDF, 545KB\)](#)

Morrison's shopping for vulnerable and elderly residents

Telephone **0345 6116111** and select either option 4 or 5. Option 4 is to order a food box . Payment is taken over the phone and goods delivered to the household. Option 5 is a small shop from a list of essential items which is delivered by a local store.

Covid-19 Mental Health Information Point

Click on the link for a range of information and resources that you can use to overcome any anxieties you may have during this time of uncertainty. <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/livewell/campaigns/covid-19-information-point/covid19-mental-health-information-point.aspx>

If you require urgent support the following resources and sites can offer advice and help:

[24/7 Mental Health Support Line](#) (Cheshire and Wirral Partnership)

[Every Mind Matters Urgent Support](#)

[Hopeline UK](#)

Financial support for vulnerable children and families

Support includes vouchers available towards the cost of food and energy bills, a test and trace support payment and support with council tax. Click on the link for more information.

https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/council_information/coronavirus/covid-19-and-financial-support.aspx

Citizens Advice Cheshire North

Citizens Advice Cheshire North have suspended face-to-face advice services at all sites including Poynton Civic Hall for the foreseeable future. However, they are still open for information and advice via telephone from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday. Telephone call-backs can be requested by leaving a message on **01625 708608**. For more information see their [homepage](#) for full details.

You & Yours Counselling

You & Yours Counselling is a local charity which provides adults with individual and couples counselling sessions.

They have adapted their service for the current situation by offering video counselling with members of their skilled and experienced professional team of counsellors. To contact You & Yours either telephone **01625 874225** or send them a message from the contact page of their website: www.you-and-yours.org.uk

Buddying and Befriending Service

Changing Lives Together are continue to offer their buddying and befriending service which offers a telephone service for over 50's who are experiencing loneliness or social isolation. Anyone accessing the service will be connected with a buddy for a telephone call chat once or twice a week. Telephone **07919 327131** or email befriending@changing-lives-together.org.uk



Support for people experiencing domestic abuse

See Cheshire East Council webpages on keeping safe or getting help if you are experiencing domestic abuse or sexual violence.

Cheshire East Domestic Abuse Hub (CEDAH) is a 24 hour point of contact for anyone experiencing domestic abuse or anyone concerned for others.

CEDAH provides information, a helpline and onward referral for any family member - adults who are harmed and those who are hurting others, as well as children and young people. People are assessed according to risk and need and the right combination of services put in place for the whole family.

This is a central telephone, text and email service covering the whole of Cheshire East. Contact CEDAH on Mobile: (text number only) **07777 941464**. Telephone: **0300 123 5101** or email: cedah@cheshireeast.gov.uk **IN AN EMERGENCY DIAL 999**.

If you have urgent concerns about a vulnerable adult or a child call our safeguarding teams. During office hours for adults safeguarding call **0300 123 5010** or children's safeguarding call **0300 123 5012** (option 3). For out of hours support for adults or children call **0300 123 5022**

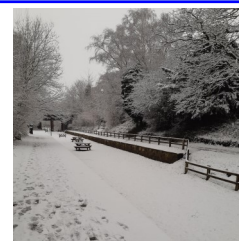
Community Grants

Did you know that the Town Council has a small annual budget allocation for community grants, and a number of awards are made each year to support community events and Poynton-based voluntary organisations or societies? For further information and to apply for a grant for this financial year (end March 2021) please contact the Town Clerk.

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Council Community Support Team News

The Council Community Support Team were out on patrol throughout the Christmas period and the 'winter wonderland' in Poynton. As can be seen by the photo there was a very 'wintry day' on Middlewood Way. The team hope everyone had a Happy Christmas.



Re-surfacing of Princes Incline

As part of Poynton Town Council's ongoing management of the Inclines, the bottom end of Prince's Incline at the Junction of Woodside Lane has been re-surfaced.

Regular users of the location will be well aware of how muddy it can get. Hopefully the resurfacing will resolve any drainage issues with the footpath going forward.



New Year's Honours

Congratulations to Cheryl Simpson, a Poynton resident who was awarded an MBE in the new year's honours list for her work as Chief Executive at Space4Autism. Space4Autism is a voluntary-run charity based in Macclesfield, who support families by running over 3000 activities per year for people of all ages living with Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC). For more information about the charity, see their website <https://space4autism.com/>

Poynton residents may have seen exhibitions at Poynton Civic Hall and more recently, virtual exhibitions of Poynton's fallen soldiers, servicemen and women who served in the First and Second World Wars. Much of the information and biographies have been researched by Harry Carlisle, a local military historian who has been awarded the British Empire Medal for 'World War 1 and World War 2 Remembrance' by the Queen in her New Year's Honours Awards.



Exciting photo opportunity

Poynton Town Council are looking to create a new fresh council website this year and would like to ask residents to submit images, that they have taken and own the copyright of, that we could use. These maybe of Poynton landmarks or features, seasons or views of the centre of Poynton or just local landscape images.

We ask that there are no identifiable people on the images. If your image is chosen we will need you to fill in a consent form.

Please share your photos to this email address: office@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk

Poynton Library news

New Order and Collect service - Monday -Friday 9.30-1 and 2-4.30, Saturday 9-12.30



Email or phone the library and give your library card number and a phone number and tell us what author, genre or subject you would like and we will try to find you up to 8 books. We cannot offer specific titles or make reservations at this stage. You will be given a time to collect your books at the library door as access to the library is not permitted. Please wear a face covering when collecting your books. There will be wheelie bin available to return books. poynton.library@cheshireeast.gov.uk 01625 374818

National Storytelling Week

This is a final shout out shout out for any Cheshire East writers/storytellers to contribute to Storytelling Week

30th January - 6th February 2021. Stories welcome from all ages for all ages. We would like you to record a video of yourself performing your story. Videos will appear on the libraries' social media during the week. Please read the instructions before submitting and email cestorytelling@gmail.com if further information is required. All submissions must be in by 9pm on January 20th.

Futures Wonderlab

Here is a reminder about the Futures Wonder Lab Challenge aimed at young people aged 5-16

The Futures Wonder Lab® Challenge is an innovation ideas challenge, inspiring young people to be problem-solvers for the planet, using their imagination and creativity. You can watch the introductory trailer here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MDcyW4_uMC0&feature=youtu.be

And you can find more information about each challenge and how to take part here: https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/libraries/latest_library_news.aspx

There will be regular updates on all our libraries' Facebook pages and on Twitter @CECLibraries.

We're looking forward to seeing all the incredible ideas!

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